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Hi Pete, as a follow-up from the call yesterday, attached is the Biological Opinion from the National Marine Fisheries Service on the ESA consultation for water quality toxics standards for Idaho.

As Erica mentioned, NMFS concluded that EPA's chronic WQC for mercury (0.012 ug/L) would not protect aquatic life - and may even jeopardize some of the species - and recommends that Idaho move away from the organic number to a methyl mercury number.

The section on mercury and methylmercury is on p. 144-162.

Thanks. Talk with you soon.

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